GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3543
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2016
Promotion of Indian Culture
Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether every year a large amount is allocated to the Indian Missions abroad to promote cultural relations with other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether irregularities have been found in the use of that fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons found guilty in this matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Indian Missions abroad are allocated funds to promote cultural relations with other countries on the basis of activities proposed by them in Annual Plan of Action. Reimbursements are made on receipt of debit notes from the Missions and expenditure made against the sanction issued by the competent authority.

(b) Details of reimbursement on this account made to Missions for activities undertaken for promotion of Indian culture overseas for the last three years and current year are as under:

Year Amount of reimbursement on account of expenditure incurred by Missions abroad on behalf of ICCR
2013-14 Rs. 3,38,81,819/-
2014-15 Rs. 3,06,15,158/-
2015-16 Rs. 68,51,561/-
2016-17 Rs. 66,59,424/-

(c) No. All the expenditures by all the Missions are audited by the competent authorities on a regular basis.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.